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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Murphy Commission Draft Reports on Intelligence

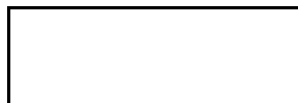
Bill:

The Murphy Commission draft reports have been provided to us as well as to Defense and NSA and comments were requested. The question of how DoD proposes to proceed on the reports impacting on their organizations was explored with Tom Latimer, ~~and Al Hall~~. It appears that they do not intend to comment on the drafts, but will await a request to react to a final draft. Fisher Howe assures me the Commission will be requesting comments.

The draft reports we have present some significant problems:

- Recommendations on organizational change are not related to how these will improve the responsiveness of intelligence or its performance in support of foreign policy. That needs to be done, and Fisher Howe has accepted the view with appreciation.
- The report fails to provide an analytic basis to support its recommendations. The report purports to support a stronger DCI; e.g., more national level review of NSA (EXCOM), as one major illustration, but it does not arrive at this conclusion from an accurate factual base.
- No alternatives are offered or even examined.

I've advised Howe of these differences, and he agrees the report needs more work. He has asked for factual corrections, and some of these are attached. (They do not address the recommendations or validity thereof.)

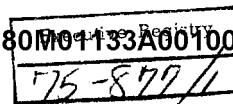


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Let's consult —



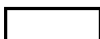
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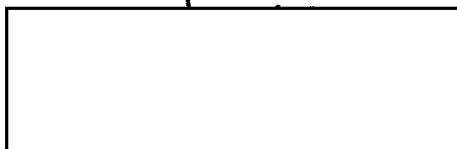
Dear 

The enclosed draft of the entire report on intelligence was discussed by Commissioners on our subcommittee on February 18. My marginal notes are shown, and some general comments, identified by the section of the report concerned, are attached on separate note sheets. Tom Reckford will do the rewrite.

An additional copy is being passed to Andy Marshall for review and comment by DOD, as was previously done. Let me reiterate that the material is being passed along informally on my own authority for comment. We definitely do not want to make any substantive errors or security violations.

In case you think the draft might have been stronger (which I do), another set of papers are enclosed which indicate what I have managed to keep out of the final report. It has been a real hassle. Although I am not particularly proud of the finished product, at least most of the main points are included and very little damaging material has crept in. Let me know if that assessment appears incorrect to you.

Sincerely,



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